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IMPROVEMENTS IN LABOR SAFETY -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 27 Jan 54

The Ch'ao-ko-chuang mine of the K'ai-luan mines in T'ang-shan celebrated an entire year of safety in production. During the production of 1,780,000 tons of coal in the past year no workers were killed. There was only one major accident. Minor injuries were 50 percent lower in the second half of the year than in the first half, and accidents occurring outside the mine were reduced 66.66 percent for the same period.

Prior to liberation the death rate of workers averaged one death per 65,000 tons of coal mined; in 50 years operation more than 2,000 persons were killed working in the Ch'ao-ko-chuang mine. Last year, the "500,000-ton safe production" drive was launched; during the year three such drives have been held and the fourth is now in progress. Production quotas were completed 16 days ahead of schedule. The volume of production exceeded the quota by 5.45 percent; coal dust was lowered 0.1 percent, production costs were lowered 9.85 percent, and the miners' average rate of production was raised 2.98 percent. Thirty percent of estimated deposits have already been mined, and extraction is gradually approaching 73 percent of the deposit.

Safety production results for 1953 of the state-operated Hsi-t'ien coal mine in Honan are as follows: For 330 days, from February to December 1953, there were no deaths or major accidents; for 120 days from September to December there were no minor accidents. Ninety percent of all production teams have a safety record of no accidents for over 300 days; 23 percent have a safety record of no accidents from 600 to 1,000 days. Safety groups were organized on all levels, and a large group of hard-core safety cadre was trained. During September and October, 150 potential causes of accidents were investigated and controlled.

Hsi-t'ien produced the largest volume of all state-operated mines in Honan; and was given a flag for safety production.

TRAINING OF TECHNICAL WORKERS EXCEEDS QUOTAS -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 20 Jan 54

Plans for the training of technical workers in 1953 exceeded quotas in the basic construction sections of the An-shan Iron and Steel Company. Plans called for the training of 6,081 new workers, but the actual number trained was 8,016. Moreover, 692 technicians were trained instead of 591 as originally planned. Plans called for training an additional 224 technical cadres, but actually 2,327 were trained. Plans for training 2,973 special cadres resulted in the actual training of 3,566 persons. The goal of training 459 new special cadres was accomplished. Some 1,010 persons were expected to study Russian, but actually 2,114 persons participated in the Russian-language program.

SOVIET ECONOMIC AID PROJECTS SHORT OF CADRES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 23 Nov 53

An editorial reprinted from the Jen-min Jih-pao of 22 November, revealed that no arrangements have been made to furnish cadres to some of the 141 repair and construction projects to be financed by Soviet assistance. The editorial, called for a reallocation of cadres and pointed out that both construction projects now under way and new projects are in urgent need of cadres. It also emphasized that Soviet aid projects require that cadres as well as raw materials be furnished on schedule.

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CONSUMER GOODS AND HOUSING -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 29 Jan 54

Beginning 5 January, consumer goods are being sent by mobile units directly to the rural consumer. In Hopeh Province, department stores, cooperatives, and other companies, including the Hsin-hua Shu-tien and 16 other units under the direction of the financial committees of the hsien, have organized 84 such traveling caravans.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 2 Jul 53

Twenty thousand new houses for workers have been constructed in Shanghai.

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 4 Jul 53

The Patriotic Health Movement for the summer season has begun in Shanghai; sanitation and public health work in Shanghai industrial and commercial work shops will be emphasized.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih pao, 24 Jun 53

A new people's public health publishing house, the Jen-min Wei-sheng Ch'u-pan She, has been organized by the Northeast I-hsueh Ch'u-pan She (Medical Publishing House) and the East China I-wu Sheng-huo She (Medical Publishing House) and established in Peiping as of June 53. It will be a national medical publishing house, directed by the Ministry of Public Health and Publications Administration of the Central People's Government. There will be branches in Ch'ang-ch'un, Tsinan, and Shanghai. One important task of the new publishing house will be the translation of Soviet medical materials.

WORKER PEASANT RELATIONS -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 31 Jan 54

Big preparations are now being made for the joint social gathering of workers and peasants at Spring Festival time, in Peiping, Shanghai, Tientsin, Mukden, Wuhan, Chungking, An-shan, and in many other cities and provinces. Party committees are directing the event. Peasant delegates are to visit factories, and industrial workers will visit rural areas around their respective cities. This social gathering at Spring Festival is being held to strengthen the alliance of workers and peasants.

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